



Watch the video and choose the correct answer.

1. What is the coronavirus?

- a.) A new bacteria from China that no one had ever heard about before.
- b.) An outbreak of disease that started in China that is caused by a new type of coronavirus.

2. What are the symptoms?

- a.) Common flu symptoms like coughing, runny nose, and fever which can develop into pneumonia.
- b.) A rash on your face, fever and trouble breathing.

3. Where have cases been confirmed so far?

- a.) In animals and humans.
- b.) The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations.

4. Should I be panicking about this outbreak?

- a.) It's a serious public-health threat, like the flu, and we should be cautious, but not alarmed.
- b.) The virus affects people of all ages equally. There is no cure and it is very difficult to fight off the virus.

5. How is this virus transmitted?

- a.) It's transmitted from animals to people. The virus is spreading across China from animals to people.
- b.) It's transmitted from person to person. An infected person can spread the virus to other people.

6. What treatment is available?

- a.) Currently, there isn't any treatment.
- b.) Antibiotics

7. How serious is this outbreak compared to others in the past?

- a.) Compared to other outbreaks, not as serious.
- b.) It's just as serious as outbreaks of Ebola and SARS.

Academic Word List vocabulary

Complete the sentences using the words below.

available confirmed transmitted affecting source global underlying
obviously couple context

1. We only know about the more severe cases, which is where people have gone on to develop viral pneumonia and those people _____ end up in hospital and all the deaths have been amongst those people.

2. Where have cases been _____ so far?

3. This brand new coronavirus came from animals and it's believed that the _____ was actually a seafood market in Wuhan, which also sells wild animals.

4. In China, where the most cases are, it's older people who are ending up in hospital with this. They're usually over 40 and the very youngest person diagnosed is about 13 or 14 years old. So, it doesn't appear to be _____ small children.

5. We've only just discovered that the new coronavirus is actually _____ from one person to another.

6. What treatment is _____ ?

7. They only work against bacteria, not viruses. So really you want an antiviral treatment, but none of the flu drugs that we've got -- and we have got a _____ of those -- will work on this. Coronavirus is different from a flu virus, so there actually isn't any treatment at the moment at all.

8. SARS, which was a novel coronavirus just like this one back in 2002, did end up causing a _____ panic and that was largely because nobody had ever seen it before, but also the death rate was at around 10%.

9. Well, here, so far, we're talking about a death rate of 2% which is a lot less and it does look as if many of those people actually have had _____ health problems which would make it more likely that they would die.

10. They could equally have died of flu. So you have to put it into that _____ I think.